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Please amend the above captioned patent application as follows in response to the Office Action mailed August 21, 2001 (Paper no. 9).

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Amended). An apparatus for rapidly changing the temperature of a mass of product, comprising:

at least two input heat transfer elements extending into the mass of product, the input heat transfer elements being in parallel spaced planes;